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Reply to Final Office Action dated April 18, 2005

REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed April 18, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Before entry of the present Amendment, Claims 1-63 and 68-90 were pending, with Claims 1, 56, and 68 being in independent form, Claims 64-67 having been withdrawn. In the present Amendment, Claims 1-2, 4-10, 15-18, 20-21, 25-26, 42-45, 47, 49, 50, 56, 60-62, 68, 70, 74, 78-79, 83, and 86 are being amended in order to comply with the Examiner's requirement of form in the April 18, 2005 Final Office Action and/or to correct minor errors, while Claims 14, 19, 64-67, and 77 are being cancelled without prejudice. After entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-13, 15-18, 20-63, 68-76, and 78-90 will be pending, Claims 1, 49, 50, 56, 62, 68, 70, and 74 being in independent form.

In the April 18, 2004 Final Rejection, the Examiner indicated that Claims 19, 23, 24, 34, 49-55, 60-63, 70-72, 74, 77, 78, 82, 86, and 87 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Claims 49, 50, 62, 70, and 74 are being rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is being rewritten to include the limitations of Claims 14, 18, and 19 (Claims 14 and 19 are being canceled without prejudice, while Claim 18 is being changed to depend from newly independent Claim 49). Claim 56 is being rewritten to include the limitations of Claim 60 (Claim 60 is being amended to depend from newly independent Claim 62). Claim 68 is being rewritten to include the limitations of Claim 77 (Claim 77 is being canceled without prejudice).

Based on the foregoing arguments, allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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